REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of Metz and other references of record. Claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as indefinite. Claims 7, 9 and 10 have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter.

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-11 and has added new claims 12-29 to state the invention with greater precision. New independent claims 12, 21 and 29 contain the subject matter of claim 7 and/or claim 9, and therefore are allowable.

As a result of the foregoing, applicant submits that claims 12-29 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels would best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, he is urged to contact Applicant's attorney at the exchange listed below.

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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